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"GREAT GRAFI" HE CRIES.

the tale of his battles, dispenses liq-

uor through an opening to a hurrying

At the tables sit the motley group

of hoboes, panhandlers and jailbirds.

Fortunate beggars who have had a

prosperous day are spending money

freely, small change for the most part.

Whisky and beer flow as they have

Nearly all the mendicants have ar-

DEAF AND DUMB.

upon all present to drink at his ex-

pense. Above his head he waves a

"Great graf!" he cries. "I touch

Pedestrian Patrick discards a pair

of well worn crutches and stands up

straight on what before appeared to be

helpless limbs. "I told his nobs dat

At this point Blind Phil throws down

his sign and peers intently at the five

"I didn't make that much all day,"

Asleep near by, with his head bowed

on the table, is Bill, the humpback.

No one ever had a more pronounced

"Bill," cries Blind Phil-"Bill, look

at de long green Pedestrian and Si-

lent copped! Bill"- And then as Bill

does not awake from the slumber of

five cent whisky the "blind beggar"

hits the hump, and, lo, it goes with the

motion of his hand, sliding down from

the shoulders to the middle of the

Bill awakes with a yawn and slowly

adjusts his stock in trade to its proper

resting place between his shoulders

As the waiter sets out the drinks the

hoboes pass around the bill. The blind

examine it closely, the lame dance

with it in their hands, and the armless

feel of the paper with the air of one

"It's a fake," he cries-"a bad imita-

tion!" And the drinks are on Pedes-

trian Patrick and Silent James, for it

How Time Travels.

When St. Paul's strikes noon on

Jan. 1, 1909, the new year will come

into being somewhere in the Pacific

ocean, on a line following longitude

180 east, which is exactly opposite

Greenwich meridian on the other side

of the globe. Geographers draw the

line to avoid passing through any of

the Pacific Islands, for if it did the

times and days of the inhabitants

would be hopelessly muddled. Vanua,

one of the Fifi islands, for instance,

would be otherwise divided by the

fine where the days and years begin

and end, so that while it would be

Jan. 1 on the western side it would

be Dec. 31 a few paces away on the

east of the line. One could thus walk

into yesterday and a moment later re-

How the new year travels is curi-

ously Illustrated by its passage across

Great Britain: It reaches Greenwich,

as the time center, at midnight, exact-

ly twelve hours after it started. Sev-

enteen minutes later it gets to Glas-

gow, and another six minutes pass be-

fore the new year has captured Pen-

games. These are the true times for

there places, though Greenwich time

turn tomorrow!

is a counterfeit.-New York World.

while giving his order to the waiter.

dollar bill to make sure it is genuine.

we'd pray fer 'im!" he yells.

er bloke fer de long green dead easy!"

sign he casts aside, and, with a

be dances and laughs and calls

never flowed before in the year.

fames is the sign that reads

ave dollar bill.

he says ruefully.

back.

Goods Ike

deformity of the spine.

## The New Year of the Hoboes.

he Grotto of Modern Miracles.

OWHERE IN New York city at aldnight on New Year's eve is here a busier throng of burry.

> the the are hurrya square, there ndicants and joy-. Ah the money beg-. .. ew Year shoppers.

one may witness nightly transnations more wonderful than in the famous "Court of Miracles" in old Paris which Victor Hugo describes in "Notre Dame." The blind see, the dumb talk, the hunchback loses all traces of his deformity, the deaf hear, missing limbs are grown in a twinkling, and the lame discard their crutches and dance in giee.

Of all the nights in the year the gladdest in this dive in the Bowery is New Year's eve. Not until long after the late dawn does the drunken revelry cease, and then only when the

merrymakers have spent all of their ill gotten gains and are unconscious to their surroundings.

The grotto of modern miracles is in the rear of a saloon, a room 40 by 25 feet. Around are scattered tables and chairs of the cheapest kind. Thick fumes of smoke from bad pipe tobacco, the cheapest cigars made and nauseating cigarettes permeate the atmosphere.

The stranger can hardly breathe. Through the sickening atmosphere can be detected the odor of vile beer and still worse whisky that here is sold for 5 cents a goblet.

From behind the partition a bartender, with half a nose and but a small portion of his right ear to tell

is the one accepted. But Ireiana is proud in possession of her own chronology, and it will be 12:25 at night In London before 1909 reaches Dublin.-London Chronicle

New Year Superstitions. It is considered a sure sign of death to see one's own shadow in the moonlight on New Year's evo.

You court misfortune by leaving the house on New Year before some one has entered it. You must hope for the luck, moreover, of having the first to enter a dark haired man.

Seeking to know what good or evil the New Year would bring, superstitious people in the long ago girt themselves with swords and sat on the roof of th. 7r houses on New Year's eve. They also knelt at the crossroads (on a cowhide) for the same purpose. The first thing brought, one might think, would be pneumonla.

It is bad luck to carry anything out of the house on the New Year before something has been brought in.

But the best luck of all, which even those most scornful of portents may not despise, is to begin the New Year owing no man a cent.-Philadelphia

#### A NEW LEAF.

He came to my desk with a quivering lip— The lesson was done

"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said. "I have spoiled this one."

In place of the leaf so stained and blotted gave him a new one all unspot-And into his sad

eyes smiled,
'Do better now,
my child." went to the quivering soul-

The old year was "Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf

rived. The last two, known as "Pedes-trian Patrick" and "Silent James," are greeted with an uproar. I have spolled this one." Hanging from the neck of Silent leaf, stained and blotted.

And gave me a new one all unspotted and into my sad heart smiled, "Do better new, my child."

### THE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY.

Ones' Great Festival.

Except at the Chinese New Year, which comes in February, it is very hard to catch a glimpse of children in China. Little beggars will run beside you for miles to earn 1 cash, a copper coin with a square hole in the middle of it, worth the twentieth of a cent, but children who have parents to care for them seem to be kept indoors all the time or only allowed to play in walled yards and gardens. We used to say to each other: "Why, where are the children? Haven't they got any?" But at New Year's we found out that they had. This is the great holiday of all the year in China, when everybody hangs out flags and colored lanterns and sets off firecrackers. (We borrowed our custom of firecrackers for the Fourth of July from China's New Year's.) All the people put on their best clothes and the children the best of all, jackets and trousers of bright blue or green or yellow or purple, the boys and the girls so much alike that you can only tell them apart by their hair. The boy's of course is braided in a pigtail, and the girl's is done up on her head with silver pins or, if she's a very grand little girl, with gold or jade. Thus decked out, the children go walking with their proud papas and mammas and often go to the theater, which is a rare treat for them

who is used to it. The bill is passed Perhaps Chinese children have romparound the merry crowd and greeted ing plays together, but they always with enthusiasm until taken by Green look as if they were born grown up .-St. Nicholas.

> Where New Year's Lasts a Month. The celebration of New Year's is carried on more extensively in Japan than in any other country. The reason for this can only be accounted for by the fact that the custom has been handed down to succeeding generations for centuries. The time the occasion involves is quite lengthy, lasting from the 13th of December (Koto Hajime-viz, beginning of things) to the 16th of January (Hokonin no yabutri), which is apprentices' holiday. On both of the occasions a sort of stew is eaten, composed of red beans, rice, sliced fish and konnyaka root.

### Every Little Bit Helps.

"You say you encouraged our friend to make another New Year's resolu-

"I did," answered the man whose

heart is all right. "But don't you know he'll break it

at the end of six weeks at the least

calculation?" "I hope not, And even if he does he'll be six weeks ahead of the game."

Revised Version. I remember, I remember,

The house where I was born

And also the janitor, beliboy, butcher boy baker boy, bootblack, elevator man, And newsboy Christmas morn

## "Cut It Out!

[A New Year's poem.] HE old year's shades were quite pulled down When through each village, city,

There passed a sandwich man with sign Whose legend filled a single line: "Cut it out!"

'Be more specific!" said the man Who plainly rushed too much the can. The sandwich man ne'er turned aside; Only the legend writ replied: "Cut it out!"

"Please state exactly what you'd say!" Desired the man who smoked all

day.

But all the answer that he got Was this laconic, center shot:

"Cut it out!" The man whose face so haggard white Meant poker playing night and

night Required to knew what thing was meant And got this answer eloquent:

So every one who looked on it-Felt his especial fault was hit. Their souls with new resolves did fill, And all exclaimed aloud: "We will Cut it out!"

"Cut it out!"

So all braced up and for three days Frequented narrow, proper ways And followed fully up the plan Suggested by the sandwich man: "Cut it out!"

But ere the sandwich man did trace A four days' journey from the place All things were as they were before And no one ever hinted more: "Cut it out!"

-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### AZTECS' HORRIBLE HOLIDAY.

They Colebrated the New Year With Human Sacrifices.

The bloody and complicated ritual of their masterful war god, the sun, from the south, and the ceremonies carried on in his honor occupied a period of several days. The initiatory rites began before daylight of the first morning, when the chief priest and his subdignituries wended their way in solemn procession to the top of their greatest pyramidal sanctuary. Here the high priest retired alone to a small temple, whose doorway opened towardthe east, and as the rising sun critics ed and purpled the serrated mountains he knelt and sprinkled thickly upon the marble floor the sacred meal.

As the first rays of the newborn sun strike slantingly across the floor of the tiny temple the bended priest beholds a miracle. Faintly at first, then strong er and stronger, grows an imprint is the meal of the naked foot of their war god. Upon this miraculous manifestation the high priest announces to the assembled couriers that their god has returned to them and that the grand festal occasion is inaugurated.

Unhapply the first feast rites were of a grewsome and horrible nature, consisting mainly in sacrificing youths to the gods. It is said that they were fensted for days previous; to the ceremony that they might be in a wholesome and pleasing condition upon their last and the war god's first great day. In other ceremenies human beings were killed and flayed, and the participants in the sacrifice enveloped themselves in the bloody skins of the victims, while they took part in a wild and uncanny dance.

While the observance of the new year among the Aztecs seemingly predominated in bloody rites, they were most likely confined to the religious order of the priests, and the great mass of the people, with no taint of blood on their hands, might be happy and revel in the feast of the new year .- New York Herald.

### The Jewish New Year.

In striking opposition to the spirit of joy and happiness which pervades Christendom generally is the New Year of the Jews. With the Jews, who also observe the New Year for two days, the days are not days of feasting and enjoyment, but days of judgment. According to the belief of every orthodox Jew, every member of the Jewish race is tried on the New Year. The books kept in heaven are opened on that day. The record of each man for the year just ending is looked through and taken under advisement for ten days. On the tenth day, the day of atonement, the fate of each man for the coming year is drawn up, whether he should live or die, prosper or be poor. On the day of atonement the fate is sealed and nothing can change it any more.-Chicago Tribune.

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